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1. The amendment filed on 03 January 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

An Examiner's amendment is attached.


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 PRIMARY EXAMINER
 2/25/05

Art Unit: 1644

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. This amendment was specifically requested by Applicant in the 37 CFR 1.312 amendment submitted 1-3-05.

In the specification:

On page 1 line 9, delete "Cross reference to related Application

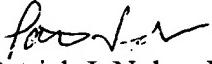
This application is a continuation-in-part of US patent application Serial No. 08/564,972, filed November 30, 1995, currently pending, which is incorporated by reference herein."

2. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick Nolan whose telephone number is 571-272-0847.

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